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For

AUTOTAXIN: MOTILITY STIMULATING PROTEIN

USEFUL IN CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 BOX AF

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 31, 1999, applicants present the following amendment and remarks.

-IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 11, 12 and 19 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

(amended) An isolated autotaxin polypeptide comprising [according to claim 3, wherein said amino acid sequence comprises the] an amino acid sequence selected from the

group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO:5 through SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ